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Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 4 (d) of its resolution 46/116, decided that, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of its resolution 45/115, regional meetings should be convened for each region that so desired within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that those meeting should be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30.

2. Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary-General of the Conference was notified of the desire of three regional groups to hold regional preparatory meetings for the World Conference on Human Rights.

3. The Secretariat had been informed by the groups concerned of their wishes in regard to the date and duration of these meetings. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243, entitled "Pattern of conferences", in which the General Assembly decided that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional cost directly or indirectly involved, the following schedule for three regional meetings has been agreed upon:

(a) Regional Meeting for Africa, Tunis, 2-6 November 1993;

(b) Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean, San José, Costa Rica, 18-22 January 1993;

(c) Regional Meeting for Asia, headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, 29 March-2 April 1993.

4. As part of the preparatory process for the World Conference on Human Rights, these regional meetings were expected to examine ways and means to enhance the implementation of human rights norms at the international, regional and national levels, bearing in mind the human right aspects considered to be of particular concern to the respective region. The regional meetings also had to consider issues which relate to the objectives of the World Conference from the perspective of their region.

5. The report of the Regional Meeting for Africa is contained in document A/CONF.157/AFRM/14-A/CONF.157/PC/57. The report of the Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean is contained in document A/CONF.157/LACRM/15-A/CONF.157/PC/58. The report of the Regional Meeting for Asia is contained in document A/CONF.157/ASRM/...-A/CONF.157/PC/59. The documentation and final declarations emanating from these meetings constitute a valuable input for the World Conference and its final outcome.